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- Yuang Iansila and Thanong Iansila, publishers of the pro-Communist Thailanguage weekly newspaper Lok Mai, claim that they are not Communists. Thanong Iansila is the editor of Lok Mai; his brother serves as an advisor. They are from northeastern Thailand.
- Yuang Iansila was formerly a staff member of Mahachon, but resigned as a protest against the Communist Party methods used in publishing the paper. Although the entire staff, including janitors and clerks were permitted to vote on policy decisions at meetings called by Udom Brisuwan and Wirote imphai, owner of Mahachon, staff members voted as they were told,
- Yuang, a former schoolteacher in Ubon, was a friend of Tieng Sirikhan and Phan Keomat, when all three were living there. Phan now takes every opportunity to criticize Yuang.
- Ari Livira and the late Thongplaev Cholaphum were among the original backers of Lok Mai.
- In approximately December 1950, a member of the Soviet Legation in Bangkok approached Yuang to enlist his support for the Stockholm Peace Appeal campaign. #

### Karnmuang Teekly

In what appears to be a policy reorganization of the strongly pro-Communist Politics leekly, the title of the paper has been changed to Karnamang leekly. The following changes in the staff have been made:

Owner: Charun Supsaeng Former Owner: Prasit Kanchanawat, a graduate of the University This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the of Moral and Political Science. who translated the Soviet letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the consitution into Thai one Archivist of the United States. year ago. Next Review Date: 2008 CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL/CONTROL - U.S. X NAVY DISTRIBUTION

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Iditor:

Chamrat Sapthanawim

Former Editor:

Pethai Chotinuchit, anti-Government IP from Thonburi.

General Lianager: Surit Pormbot

Former General Manager:

Chari Amatykun, a lawyer and graduate of the University of Koral and Politc-

cal Science.

It is possible that the overt organization of the publication is being changed in order to disguise its Communist organization.

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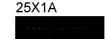
- 7. The masthead of recent issues of Karnmuang Weekly lists the following new contributors to the paper:
  - a) Supha Sirimanon, editor of Aksorasan.
  - b) Kulap Saipradit, Australian-trained leftist journalist.
  - c) Samak Burawat, lecturer at the Buddhist University.
  - c) Tiang Sirikhan.
  - Isara Ananthakhun, leftist writer on the staff of Siam Nikorn.
  - Chaw Sampheng, a friend of Isara Ananthakhun and also with Sign Mikorn.
  - g) Buddhat Bikkhu, leftist Buddhist priest.
- Ho articles contributed by Admiral Tahan Khamiran have appeared in the last two issues of Karnmang Weekly. Prior to the reorganization of the paper, at least one editorial in each issue was contributed by Tahan.
- The lead editorial appearing in the issue of Karnawang Joekly for the week of 21 January warns that Thailand must not become involved with the imperialist war in Indochina. Apparently the Communists are going to take a strong stand on the Indochina question, fearing that Phibun will commit Thailand to active participation against the Viet Minh.
- 10. In the 28 January issue, Karmanang Meekly announced that it had obtained 187,000 signatures for the Stockholm Peace Appeal, the majority from the northeastern provinces. The principal article in this issue, "The People Versus Philiam and the United States," claimed that the ceremony at which imerican arms were turned over to Thailand was deliberately staged by Phibun and the United States to intimidate the people.
- An advertisement appearing in a recent issue of Karnmuang Joekly states that 11. current Joviet literature is obtainable at the Tah Chong Oun Fah Bookstore.
- The most recent issue of the paper carried an article reporting on the progress 12. of the Stockholm Peace Appeal Campaign in its eleventh week. New signatures of the appeal listed in the paper included the following:
  - a) Nimuan Thongplaew, widow of Thongplaew Cholaphum.
  - b) The wife of Bunlom Pungsunthorn, aka Pramote Pungsunthorn, a former Pridi alde, now on trial in connection with the 26 February 1959 coup d'etat.

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- c) Anan, brother of Pridi's wife, Punsuk.
- d) The wife of Chaliew Raturukot, a former Pridi aide and a defendent in the King's Death Case.
- e) The wife of Thongin Phuripat.
- f) Several members of the family of Sanguan Tularak.
- g) Liab Lilarat, former MP from Trang who was involved in the Food Distribution Organization scandal. A former Sahacheep Party member, Liab is still very popular and will probably win the next Trang election.
- 13. The article claimed that signers of the Stockholm Peace Appeal support the following resolutions:
  - a) The recall of Thai troops from Korea.
  - b) The cossation of war preparations.
  - c) The eviction from Thailand of imperialist war mongers.
  - d) The adoption of a more friendly attitude toward the Viet Linh.
  - e) The enactment of laws against war propaganda.

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Comment. This is the first indication of members of the Soviet Legation dealing directly with the press.

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